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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Troy Chambers

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-53 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 6,7,14-24,26-51 and 53 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,5, 8-13, 25 and 52 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 25 and 52 in the reply filed on 02/13/06 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 6, 7, 14-51 and 53 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 02/13/06.
3. Applicant's response to this Ex Parte Quayle action should include a cancellation of claims 26-51 and 53.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. In line 7 there is recited a "second forestock *element*". However, subsequent language refers to the element as a "second forestock". Applicant should remove the "element" portion of the phrase to maintain consistency with the same limitation in subsequent claims.
 - b. In lines 8 and 13, "said stock" should be amended so it is clear which stock applicant is referring to (e.g. the forestock or buttstock).
 - c. Line 10 recites the phrases, "the barrel distal end" and "said rear end of said buttstock". Claim 1 should be amended to provide antecedent basis for these limitations.

- d. Line 14 recites the phrase, "said second attachment point". Claim 1 should be amended to provide antecedent basis for this limitation.
 - e. Line 17 recites, "all pistol grips". However, it appears that only 1 pistol grip is previously recited. The applicant should amend claim 1 to add more grips or amend the phrase so that it is clear which previously recited grip(s) applicant is referring to.
 - f. Lines 17-18 recite, "and operational features of the firing assembly". However, it does not appear that any specific operation features were positively recited.
2. Claim 52 is similar to claim 1 and, therefore, contain similar errors that should be corrected.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Notwithstanding the objections discussed above, independent claims 1, 4-25 and 52 are considered allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not anticipate or make obvious a weapon stock having a lower second forestock element that extends below all pistol grips and operational features of the firing assembly and is not integrally formed with "the stock".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (571) 272-6874 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (571) 272-6873.

Troy Chambers
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Chambers', written over the printed name of the examiner.

TC
24 April 2006